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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 09/995,120	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: November 27, 2001	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. HONEYWELL NO. H0003115	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(2)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2)(iii), filed January 18, 2002, to make the above-identified application special based on the invention materially contributing to countering terrorism as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section XI.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2)(iii) and MPEP § 708.02, Section XI: Inventions for Countering Terrorism, should state that special status is sought because the invention materially contributes to countering terrorism. International terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2331 includes:

activities that - (A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State; [and] (B) appear to be intended - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping...


If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention is materially directed to countering terrorism, the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee or a registered attorney/agent explaining how the materiality standard is met. The types of technology for countering terrorism could include, but are not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes by preventing the completion of an aircraft hijacking where the hijacking is designed to alter the proper or planned destination of an aircraft. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ron Abelson at 571-272-3165 or the undersigned at 571-272-7099.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3641 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.



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